

**YOUR ATTENTION**

FROM

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1). Phone Interview With Irwin Rosen in Paris.

In order not to lose any time in having the movement of children and skilled workers in the needle trade industry started, we called over the phone Mr. Irwin Rosen, J.D.C. Director of Immigration in Paris. Mr. Rosen informed us as follows:

(a) Skilled Workers Movement: There are about 12,000 people in the DP Camps in Germany, Austria and Italy who would qualify as tailors. Many of them chose Palestine as their country of settlement, however, there is no doubt that they will reorientate themselves on Canada as soon as the offer is made. Mr. Rosen has delegated his staff to gather all information available about these people. He is also to convene a conference of the J.D.C. workers in the field and of representatives of the displaced persons who would meet with delegates from the needle trade industry from Canada who would proceed overseas as soon as the details of the plan are worked out. Mr. Rosen will also prepare the itinerary for such a mission. He assured us of the fullest co-operation of the entire J.D.C. staff until the project is brought to full fruition; (b) Children's Movement: Mr. Rosen stated that it will be much more difficult to get the 1,000 children whom we can bring to Canada and who would qualify under the terms of the Order in Council. There is a possibility of getting out of Roumania several hundred of orphaned children whom the Roumanian government would grant exit permits and who could easily be flown to Paris for Canadian examination. We told Mr. Rosen that there might be difficulties as the Order in Council refers to displaced persons and there may be a question as to whether Roumanian Jews are classified as displaced persons. However we are sure that the Department of Immigration in Ottawa will co-operate and will resolve all doubts in our favour so that the project of moving children from Roumania could be proceeded with. We shall take the matter up in Ottawa without delay.

We are to furnish Mr. Rosen with all information about all aspects of both movements.

2). Conference on Immigration Movements.

Conference of agencies concerned in the field of immigration and settlement has been called under aegis of Canadian Jewish Congress for May 30 at Montreal. Those to be invited: JIAS, Council of Jewish Women, Child Care Agencies, Family Welfare Agencies, "Ezra" Ladies Society, Federations of Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Windsor, Hamilton, Ottawa. The purpose of the meeting is to clarify the settlement problems in connection with expected movement of DP's Needle Trade Workers, Orphan Children, Relatives and to outline our plans.

3). Western Region Women's Division Sponsors Parcel Project to Gauting Sanitorium.

The Women's Division of our Western Region will be sending parcels and establishing individual contacts with the D.P. patients of the Gauting Sanitorium bei Munich of which Miss Ethel Ostry is in charge. She sent us individual cards for everyone of the patients giving data which she compiled on basis of questionnaire which every patient filled out specifically for the Canadian relief project. The Women's Division cleared its plans with the Winnipeg Welfare Funds. There will be no appeal

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for contributions from individuals but merely various Women's organizations will allocate to this project from their treasuries. The Winnipeg Welfare Fund is prepared to allocate an amount not exceeding \$500.

One of the women's groups in Montreal has already established contact with some of the patients of the Gauging Sanatorium.

4). Distribution of Pamphlet "Races of Mankind".

We drew the attention of the Departments of Education in Edmonton, Victoria, and Toronto to the pamphlet "Races of Mankind", which was written by two members of the Department of Anthropology of Columbia University and which has since become widely used in American and Canadian schools. Distribution in Canada has been made through the Departments of Education in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick to every teacher and through the Department of Education in Quebec to the 1200 English speaking high school classes of the Province. We offered supplying quantities for distribution to teachers.

5). Steno-Typist for Plenary Session.

Arrangements have been made for a steno-typist to take down all proceedings of the coming Plenary Session.

6). Resolutions of European Council Meeting of the W.J.C. in Prague.

We received from the office of the W.J.C. in London the resolutions of the second meeting of the European Consultative Council of the World Jewish Congress, held in Prague from 23-29th April 1947. The resolutions divide into political; restitution; relief; rehabilitation and reconstruction; organization. The report states that the atmosphere at the Conference was very good and discussions were on a very high level and proved the possibility and willingness of co-operation of Jewish groups with widely different political views within the framework of the World Jewish Congress. Some Jewish communities participated in the Conference who up till now were not in close contact with the W.J.C., as the Council of Jewish communities in Yugoslavia, who participated for the first time since the war, the Central Committee of Jewish Displaced Persons in the U.S. Zone of Austria, and the Central Committee of Jews in Poland who only attended as observers, but decided after the Conference to announce their affiliation with the World Jewish Congress.

7). Ontario Division Decision in Regard to Teachers' Seminary.

The Executive Committee of the Central Division met on May 13th. The main item on the agenda was the problem of the two teachers' seminaries which requested Congress' subvention to meet their deficits. The National Executive Meeting of May 4th, 1947, left this request to the next meeting which will take place on May 31st, by which time the Central Division was to have had clarified its views. The Eastern and Western regions were in favour of Congress subventing both seminaries. The decision arrived at by the Ontario Division was that it favours the implementation of the resolution adopted at the 6th Plenary Session which instructed the establishment of one United Teachers' Seminary; if the resolution is carried out in the sense that there will be one institution only then the Ontario Division declares itself in favour of the payment of the incurred deficit of the two institutions as requested.

Other items discussed were: (a) request of the David Pinski Jubilee Committee asking Congress to participate at their meetings on June 7th and 8th; Mr. E.E. Gelber was asked to represent the Central Division and to extend greetings on behalf of Congress; (b) request of the Welfare Fund for appointment of two members to Division III of the Welfare Fund; the matter was tabled until the election of the now regional executive committee after the Plenary Session; (c) Congress elections; the President was auth-

orized to complete the list where substitutions, etc, will have to be made. He was also empowered to appoint committees to act on the Steering, Resolutions, Nominations and Credentials Committees at the Plenary Session. A pre-convention caucus of all Ontario delegates will be held on May 21st.

8). Toronto Delegates to Plenary Session.

The Executive Committee of the Central Division appointed the following as delegates to the Plenary Session: M. Biderman, F. Catzman, A. Cohen, Professor J. Finkelman, E.L. Frankel, M. Gasner, Sam Godfrey, O.B.E., Morris Goldstick, Ben Harold, J.P. Katz, Saul Kaufman, J. Levine, Sam Lipshitz, M. Manson, H.S. Rosenberg, E.I. Shapiro, H. Simon, C. Weinberg, I. Weinberg.

The at-large delegates are: Raymond Allen, Colonel David Croll, S. Lent, Gerald Levenston, Rabbi A.A. Price, J.B. Salsberg, Mrs. John Sherman, Rabbi Judah Washer.

Mr. I. Simpson will represent the Jewish Immigration Aid Society; Meyer Gasner, the United Zionist Revisionists; Harry Garfinkle and as alternate S. Shanoff the Canadian Federation of Polish Jews; R.H. Soren, Major A.H. Friedgut, Irving Frisch, M. Kohl, J.D. Pearlstein, David Peters, I.B. Weinstein, Wm. Zimmerman, the General Zionists; Vern Halle, the Ontario Jewish Youth Council; S.J. Granatstein, A.E. Gelber, S. Posluns, J. Wiener, M. Levy, M.I. Simpson, B.A. Himel, H. Jordan, B. Litman, the United Jewish Welfare Fund.

Ontario Communities will be represented as follows: Belleville - Allen Diamond, Brantford - M. White, L. Henkle; Brockville - J. Smith; Chatham - A. Weinberg; Cornwall - Sol Kay, Harry Hertz, Julius Miller; Hamilton - Harold Minden, Samuel G. Peikin; Kingston - S.J. Cohen; Niagara Falls - H. Bogomolny, I. Zeldin, J. Greenspan; North Bay - Henry Wiseman; Oshawa - Saul Einhorn; Peterborough - F. Pulver; St. Catharines - S.D. Granek; St. Thomas - H. Jackson; Sudbury - Jack Leve; Welland - S. Mitchell; Kitchener - B. Joseph, D. Acker, Irving Summers, M. Budd, Joe Brown.

A complete alphabetical list of Toronto and Ontario delegates will be included in one of the subsequent issues of the I.O.I.

9). Public Relations Information Bulletin.

The 4th issue of the Public Relations Information Bulletin has been sent to the members of the National and Regional Public Relations Committees. It contains information about our activities in public relations field for the period May 1-15. The Bulletin includes an annex giving full text of the press stories and editorials exposing Norman Jaques. We also enclosed a copy of the pamphlet "American Ghettos" which was issued by the American Jewish Congress in its series of "Jewish Affairs" and which deals with restrictive covenants and the fight against discrimination in housing; the pamphlet refers also to the decision of Mr. Justice Mackey in Toronto who declared in a court-action initiated by us and the Workers Educational Association that a restrictive clause in a land sale covenant was illegal.